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# REPORT ON THE

SUMMER RESEARCH OF FACTORS INFUENCING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT'S CHOICE OF CAREERS IN DEFENSE RELATED ENGINEERING

TITLE: UNinitiated Introduction To Engineering

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#### INTRODUCTION

The UNITE program at The University of New Mexico College of Engineering was conducted for the first time in the summer of 1976. The first program format proved to be so successful that it was retained for the 1977 program. Again the participants, program staff, guest lecturers, and panelists felt that the program was worthwhile and should be continued. There were difficulties in recruitment of participants for UNITE '77 because of the lateness in receipt of authoritive word that the program would be funded. Further comment on this matter will be made later in this report.

For a second year in a row, the goal of increasing the supply of miniorities, women, and other students in engineering was helped by the UNITE program. This program gave The University of New Mexico College of Engineering an opportunity to again work with high school counselors throughout the state of New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas to identify high school junior that express an interest in engineering studies. A large number of counselors and students were also made aware of the opportunities in engineering.

The UNITE '77 summer workshop was another successful endeavor from the viewpoint of the students, program staff, guest lecturers and panelists, and several individuals from Kirtland Air Force Base Weapons Laboraoty. The Weapons Lab personnel again willingly gave of their time to put on their excellent demonstrations, tours, and talks for the participants. The participants had nother but high praise for the Laboratory personnel.

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#### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

The selection of students for UNITE '77 is shown below. The ethnic and male/female breakdown (Figure I) is shown first followed by a list of the participants (Figure II).

Figure I

Ethnic	From All Male	ouquerque Female	Outside of Male	Albuquerque Female	TOTAL
Hispanic	9	2	10	11	32
American India	n 0	. 0	0	2	2
Black	ŋ	0	0	0	0
Other	1	3	2	2	8
TOTALS	10	5	12	15	42

The participants were from throughout the state of New Mexico. The majority of the students (64%) were from outside of Albuquerque, with the rest (36%) coming from the nine city high schools.

The list of the participants together with their addresses, schools, and ethnic group follows as Figure II:

Applicant	Address	High school	Ethnic	
Alaniz, Irene	410 East B Lordsburg, NM 88045	Lordsburg	<b>Hispani</b> c	
Arguelles, Partick	1110 Truman Albuquerque, NM 87108	St. Pius	<b>Hispani</b> c	
Baca, Ronald	509 Princeton SE Albuquerque, NM 87106	Albuquerque	H <b>ispani</b> c	

Figure II - contin	nued
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Birdsong, Lynette	605 West 19th Clovis, NM	Clovis	Other
Castillo, Anthony	RR 1, Box 236-F Belen, NM 87002	Belen	Hispanic
Castillo, Patricía	304 Rosedale Circle Belen, NM 87002	Belen	Hispanic
Castillo, Theresa	Box 384 Folsom, NM 88419	Des Moines	Hispanic
Chavez, Richard	2412 Abbott Ave Alamogordo, NM 88310	Alamogordo	Hispanic
Dodge, Williams	102 Eighth Street Santa Rosa, NM 88435	Santa Rosa	Hispanic
Dominguez, Alvin	1008 W. Gayle Roswell, NM 88201	Roswell	Hispanic
Dominguez, John	519 Cerrillos Rd % House of Carpets Santa Fe, NM 87501	Pojoaque	Hispanic
Gallego, Consuelo	1005 Cassity Socorro, NM 87801	Socoroo	Hispanic
Garcia, Charles	232 Francis Ave Raton, NM 87740	Raton	Hispanic
Garcia, Jeffrey	321 65th Street SW Albuquerque, NM 87105	West Mesa	Hispanic
Garcia, Lupe	P.O. Box 985 Anthony, NM 88021	Gadsden	Hispanic
Griego, Clara	7027 Guadulupe Tr. NW Albuquerque, NM 87107	Valley	Hispanic
Griego, Danny	316 55th St., NW Albuquerque, NM 87105	West Mesa	Hispanic
Gurule, Anthony	3103 Quincy NE Albuquerque, NM 87110	St. Pius	Hispanic
Help, Leila	Box 1594 Gallup, NM 87301	Tochatchi	Amer. Ind.
Hicks, Dwain	P.O. Box 951 Tularosa, iM 88352	Tularosa	Other
Jaramillo, Elaine	1611 Delgado Belen. NM 37002	Qalan	utemanta

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Figure II - continued:

Jimmie, Miranda	Toh-la-kai Store Gallup, NM 87301	Tohatchi	Amer. Ir
Jones, Sharon	12321 Eastridge NE Albuquerque, NM 87112	Manzano	Other
Landavzo, Fred	Rt. 2, Box 597 Los Lunas, NM 87031	Belen	<b>Hispani</b> c
Melendrez, Frank	Angel's Trailer Park #36 Las Vegas, NM 87701	West Las Vegas	Hispanic
Miera, Carla	Box 134 Penasco, NM	Tularosa	Hispanic
Navarrete, Donna	11312 Nassau NE Albuqueruqe, NM 87111	Eldorado	<b>Hispani</b> c
Paz, Luis	332 E. Lewis Roswell, NM 88201	Roswell	Hispanic
Perea, Sally	Rt.6, Box 563 Los Lunas, NM 87031	Los Lunas	Hispanic
Prentice, John	Cameron Rt Tucumcari, NM 88401	Tucumari	Other
Rogers, Tracie	1604 Pennington Hobbs, NM 88240	Hobbs	Other
Romero, Roberta	313 Easton Ave Socorro, NM 87801	Socorro	Hispanic
Rowden, Kathryn	7305 Ottawa Rd. NE Albuquerque, NM 87110	Sandia	Other
Salas, Robert	6 Henrie P1, SW Albuquerque, NM 87105	Rio Grande	Hispanic
Sanchez, David	723 La Vega Ct. SW Albuquerque, NM 87105	Rio Grande	Hispanic
Schafer, Cynthia	11431 Bar Harbor NE Albuquerque, NM 87111	Eldorado	Other
Sheppard, Dwayne	2219 Cardenas NE Albuquerque, NM 87110	Del Norte	Other
Sifre, Wayne	2717 San Isidro NW Albuquerque, NM 87104	Valley	Hispanic

# Figure II - continued:

Vigil, Larry	309 Villeros St Santa Fe, NM 87501	St Michael's	Hispanic
Young, Roberta	RR #1 Tularosa, NM 88353	Tularosa	<b>Hispani</b> c
Gallegos, David	1728 Foothill Dr. SW Albuquerque, NM 87105	Rio Grande	Hispanic
Sandoval, Patricia	709 Union Street Las Vegas, NM 87701	West Las Vegas	Hispanic

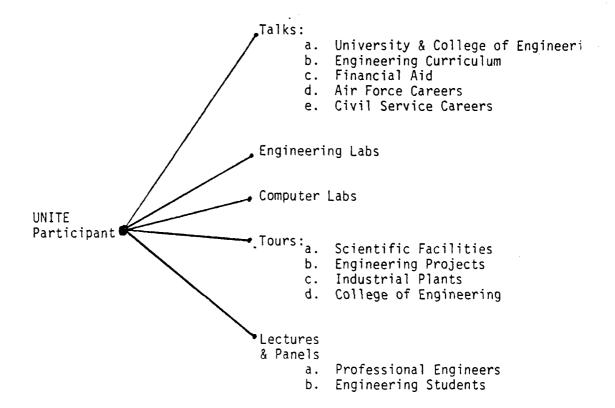
The average grade point average (GPA) of the students was better than 3.3 on a 4 point scale.

The selection was based mainly on the number of high school science and mathematic; courses taken, the grades received, and geographic distribution. There was emphasis on selecting a larger number of minority and women students as participants. There were only two American Indians that applied and subsequently selected to participate. No Blacks applied.

The total applicant pool numbered 134. While the number of applicants does not appear high, it should be noted that because of the uncertainty of funding and therefore, a delay in announcing the program, UNITE had to compete for students with the following: Upward Bound at College of Santa Fe, University of Albuquerque, and Highlands University; Boys and Girls State; Civitan Club; boys and girls general camps; and summer jobs. If anything was gained from this experience, it was that an institution needs to have assurance of funding early in the second semester of the school year in order to attract students before they make commitments to other activities.

#### PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The following chart gives information of the type of involvement the participants experienced.



The activities offered are shown on the following pages. The activities that took place at the Air Force Weapons Laboratory are given in greater detail following the general two week schedule.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3:30 -	A. Welcome Meet FEC 303 Dean Gross Or. Castillo		FEC 303 Tour Ideal Cement Plant	Nuclear and Chemical Engr. Tours FEC303	LASL Tour Bus leaves
	Alex Valdez		Bus leaves FEC	Engr. Students Panel	Dorm at 7:30 A.M.
9:30	Break	Break	at 9:00 A.M.	"Students tell it	7.30 A.A.
):45 ):45	B. Program Info. C. Group Pictures D. Campus Tour	Career Opportunities In Engineering		like it is" Ruben Cervantes Tim Leonard	Electronics
u. 43	E. Parking Info.	Or. Vaughn FEC 303 Financial Aid Info. Virginia Edgar FEC 307		Mary Ellen Frezquez Valgrie Gonzales	
1:45		Triginia Lagar FEC 307		THERESA ISANCSON 836-0375	
	LUNCH	LUNCH	BOX LUNCH	LUNCH	BOX LUNCH
	Introduction to	Bus Leaves Dorm at 12:30 P.H.		Bus leaves Dorm	
	Dr. Red Room 355	AFVIL		at 12:45 P.M. AFWL	
2:00	Engineering Lab	Tour # 1 Richard Sanchez	Fratarities	Tour # 2	
	Problem # 1 Dr. Red	Lonnie A. Theye	Engineering Lab Problem # 2 Dr. Red and	Dr. Red Richard Sanchez	
	Dr. Hawkins FEC 307 Room 355		Dr. Hawkins FEC 355		
4:00					
5:00	Dinner				
		Dinnan I	Dinner		
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#### AGENDA

# UNITE 1977 PROGRAM AIR FORCE WEAPONS LABORATORY, KAFB

12 July 1978

Conference Room 3

Building 414

1300 - 1315 WELCOME

COL J. RICH COMMANDER, AFWL

#### ADVANCED RADIATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICE

LT COL DANA BRABSON

1315 - 1400 MOVIE - INTRODUCTION TO LASERS

1400 - 1600 TOUR OF LASER FACILITIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS

14 July 1978

Conference, Room 213

Building, 914

1300 - 1430 MINORITIES IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DR. HENRY MONTIETH SANDIA CORPORATION

ELECTRONICS DIVISION

MR. WILLIAM PRATHER

1430 - 1500 THE MINI COMPUTER AND DEMONSTRATIONS MR. RON WILLIAMS

1500 - 1700 TOUR OF EMP FACILITIES MAJ S. A. RICHERS

19 July 1977

Conference Room Bldg 423

NUCLEAR SYSTEMS DIVISION

LT MARSHA THORNTON

1300 - 1430 DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

SALLY SANCHEZ

1430 - 1500 ENGINEERING RECRUITING

TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, BUILDING 322 LT COL JIM HAVEY

1500 - 1630 HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS

AIRMAN CAROLYN DELOAC!

21 July 197

Conference Room 3, Bldg 414

CIVIL ENGINEERING RESEARCH DIVISION
LT COL JOEL BRADSHAW

1300 - 1400 HIGH EXPLOSIVE TESTING

COMPUTATIONAL DIVISION
MR. GENE OMODA

1400 - 1630 TOUR AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF COMPUTATIONAL FACILITIES

#### PROGRAM EVALUATION

The following are interpretations of questionaire data together with other information gathered from conversations with the participants.

#### A. PreProgram

A large number of the participants (82%) found out about UNITE through their teachers and counselors. Most of the other students indicated that they found out about the program through their friends that had participated in UNITE '76. Again, as last year, the least effective way of advertising UNITE was through the principals and general school announcements.

Most of the students (98%) indicated at the beginning of the program that they had plans to attend college. The 2% who indicated no college plans stated that they were looking at joining the service. Of those 98% that intended to go to college, 70% indicated their major area of study would be engineering, 15% indicated sciences, and the others were undecided. Of the male participants, 52% indicated engineering as a major area of study compared to 35% of the females. Both figures showed an increase over last year. Mathematics was taken by all students. Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 were most common courses taken, follwed by Trigonometry and Analysis. Trigonometry and Analysis were mainly taken by students coming from large (1000+ students) high schools. In sciences, Biology and Chemistry were the most common courses that had been taken. Physics was taken mainly by students again from the large high schools. Physics, trigonometry and analysis appear to be courses generally not offered in the small high schools.

#### B. Post-Program Evaluation

The statistics again as in UNITE '76 changed significantly at the corclusion of the summer program. All participants indicated an intent to go to college. The number who chose engineering after the program changed to 94% of all of the participants. Civil and Electrical Engineering were the slight favorites in area of interest. Students were nearly equally divided in degree of interest in chemical, mechanical and computer science. The few who did not choose engineering indicated that they would have chosen engineering had they not already chosen education, music, nursing and pharmacy.

Of those who chose engineering, 82% felt that the activities of the two weeks had influenced or strengthened their choice. The others indicated that they would have chosen engineering regardless of the program.

Sixty-seven percent of the students felt that the length of the program was about right, while the rest felt it was too short. Most of the students (97%) like the total program.

The participants felt that the most outstanding activity was the tours. Next was the opportunity to listen and mix with engineering students. The computer labs were well liked by the students but they expressed frustration because there was so much to learn and so little time to do it in.

The students felt that the weakest part was the lack of an organized week-end activity and no dance after the banquet. When the students were asked if any part of the program should be omitted, 75% stated "No", and 20% indicated "Yes". Those that said "Yes", wanted to see evening classes dropped so that they could have more personal time.

General comments were invited about UNITE. The feeling was that they had all enjoyed the program but felt that a 10 hour day was too long. The students felt the program was well planned and that they had gotten a lot out of it

# BUDGET

The budget expenditures for the UNITE '77 program was prepared and mailed by the University of New Mexico Office of Contracts and Grants. Any questions with regards to the expenditures should be referred to Dan Marcum of that office.

#### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The UNITE '77 program was another successful program by the College of Engineering. The indication is that this non-traditional program is helping to increase the number of minority, women, and other engineering students. Programs such as UNITE should be continued.

The format used for the 1977 program was somewhat similar to the one used in 1976. The main change was that talks by one person were kept to a minimum.

While many students wanted night classes dropped, as was the comment in UNITE '76, the program staff still feels that because of the great number of activities to be covered, the evening classes should be continued. Having the computer class at night worked out to be a better night activity. It is highly recommended that this be continued.

Funding for the program should be made available well in advance (at least 5 months) of the planned time for the program. This year's program which received authorization notice of funding only four days before the program was to start was cutting it very short. The program staff was getting ready to contact all of the invited participants and inform them that the UNITE '77 had not been funded.

The program director should receive extra compensation equivalent to seven days of work. In order to run an efficient program from which the students receive maximum benefit requires that there be someone that the students can closely associate with - day, night and weekend.

# UNITE '76 FOLLOW-UP

The UNITE '76 Follow-up is enclosed and is listed as Appendix A.  $\ \ \,$ 

1977 Follow-up study on the

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# ABSTRACT

The <u>UN</u>initiated <u>Introduction To Engineering (UNITE) 1976 program had  $\underline{41}$  participants ( $\underline{21}$  male and  $\underline{20}$  female). The ethnic breakdown is shown in the table below.</u>

<u>Ethnicity</u>			Male	<u> </u>		Fe	ema]	·е		To	otal
Hispanic (Chicano).	•	•	17	•	•	•	12	•	•	•	29
American Indian	•	•	2		•	•	2	•	•		4
Blacks			0	•			2	•	•		2
Other	•	•	2	<u>.</u>	•	•	4	•		<u>.</u>	6
Total			21	_			20				41

Eighty-two percent of those who have applied for College indicate that they are enrolling in engineering; of those who have not yet applied all but me intend to enroll in engineering.

The overall results closely parallel the 1977 follow -up study on the 1976 MITE participants nationwide. This indicates that we are getting the same type of results as a program which has been in existence for several years.

FOLLOW-UP Study on UNITE '76 Program

This report on the "1976 Summer Research of Factors influencing High School Students' Choice of Careers in Defense Related Engineering," titled: Uninitiated Introduction to Engineering (UNITE), is the first on this program. Therefore, there is no possibility of comparison as yet. However, when this program is compared to the results of the Minority Introdiction to Engineering program (MITE), the UNITE '76 program results somewhat are paralled. The tabulated results are shown on page 4 of this report (Sample Questionaire).

The survey was conducted during May and September, 1977 almost a year after the UNITE '76 program was held. The participants were just finishing their senior in high school and had formed some future academic plans.

UNITE '76 was conducted on the University of New Mexico campus. It was managed by the College of Engineering Special Programs Office. The total attendance was 41. UNITE '76 was made up of 20 females and 21 males.

Hispanic (Chicano) participants totaled 71%, Black 5%, American Indian 10%, and other 14%. The questionaire was designed nearly like the one used by MITE so that anyone desiring to make some comparison could. A total of 93% of the UNITE '76

participants responded compared to 51% for MITE '76.

Eighty-nine percent of the respondents applied for admission to college compared to 74% for MITE. Of those who have not, all but one student indicated that they would apply later. The one student that incicated that he would not apply will seek full time employment.

Of those that applied to college, 82% indicated engineering as their field of choice. Eighty-two percent of the males and eight-two percent of the female indicated engineering as their choice of study area. More females than males indicated that UNITE had definetly influenced them in pursuing engineering studies

Responses to question number 4 (Did the program help to determine your future career goals?) indicate that the program helped 87 of the participants determine there future career goals. Thirteen percent had decided what they were going to study both prior to and maintained the same thought after the program. Of those that had decided against studying engineering, 4 wanted to study business, one medicine (biology), and the other music.

'76. percent wanted to change their program but could not.

Many of the respondents indicated that they changed or wanted to change their program because of what they learned at UNITE. All of the changes were for more math and science courses.

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The statistics are quite positive overall and indicate that the program is accomplishing what it was intended to do and that is, "influence high school students into engineering studies. "I am reminded of a comment made by a speaker at the 1977 MIT Workshop on Retention of Minorities in Engineering studies, "Net loss of students in engineering studies is due to a lack of recruitment and motivation." The statistics indicate that UNITE is a successful program, for motivating students to pursue engineering studies. It would be interesting to find out how many participants will actually graduate with an engineering degree.

# PLEASE RETURN TO:

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Participant's Name:	Responses: 38	Phone No.
Address	Male: 19 Female: 19	
Town or City		
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5.	Did you change your senior year program of studies following the two-week program? Yes 6 No 32 If yes what changes did you make?  Generally Social Studies and Business to math and science
	Why?
6.	Did you want to change your program but find that you were unable to do so? Yes 5 No 29 If yes, why were you unable to change your program? No response 4  Courses not offered
7.	Did you take a mathematics course during your senior year?  Yes 29 No 5 If yes, which courses?  No response 4
	If no, why not? No higher math offered
8.	Did you take a science course during your senior year?  Yes 27 No 7 If yes, which course?  No response 4  If no, why not? No other Science offered
	Did you discuss the program with the following:
9.	Principals Yes 9 No 29 13. Counselors Yes 37 No 1
10.	Teachers Yes 37 No 1 14. Friends Yes 38 No
11.	Parents Yes 38 No 15. Relatives Yes 38 No
12.	Other Adults Yes 38 No
Thai	nk you for taking time to fill out the questionaire.

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